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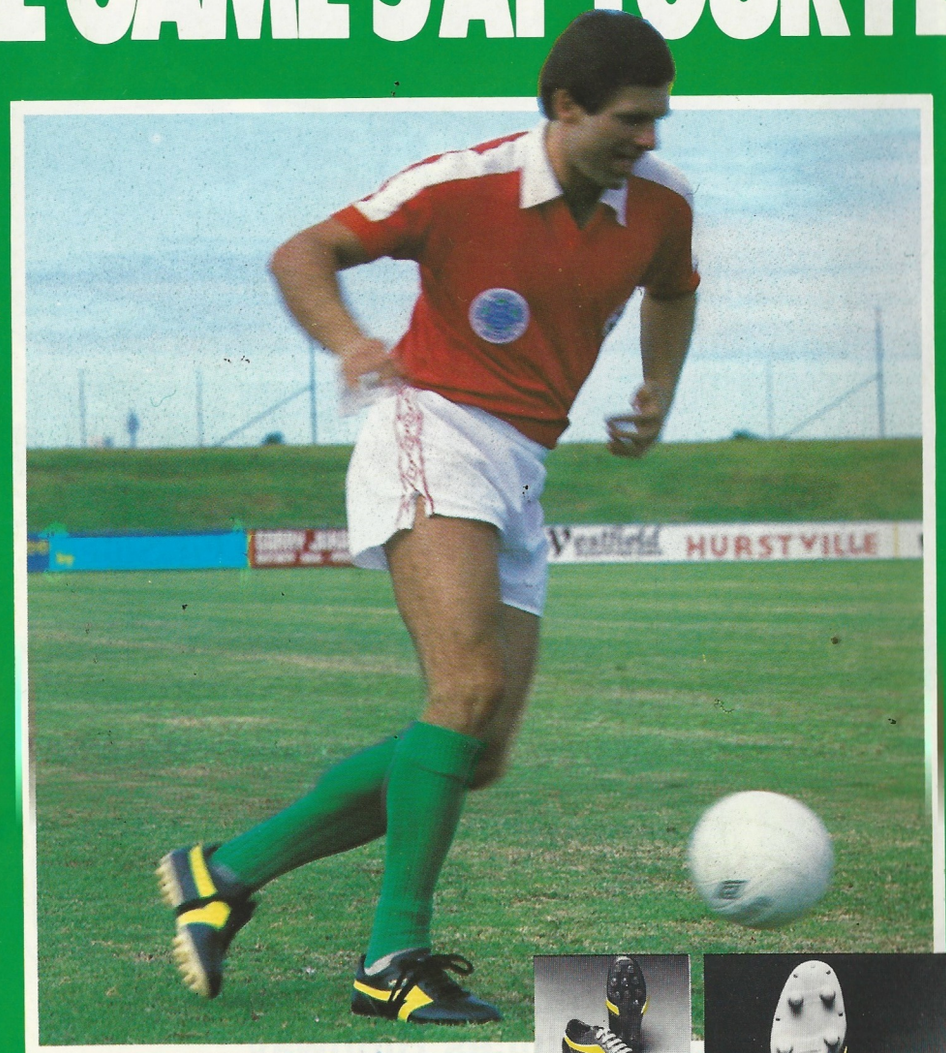

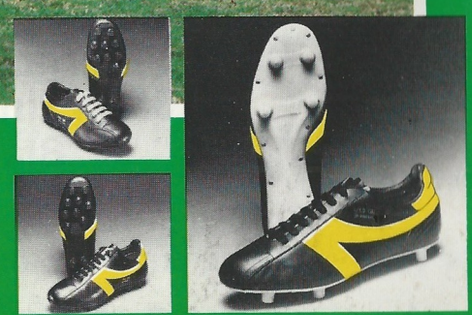

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

St. George B.S.C. v BLACKTOWN CITY

On Sunday, June 15, 1980, St. George Soccer Stadium, at Barton Park

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V
MARIST BROS — KOGARAH

2.15 p.m.
Round 3

ST. GEORGE BSC
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PEAKHURST UNITED
V
CARSS PARK

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3 p.m.

ST. GEORGE
V
BLACKTOWN CITY

BLANCO'S CORNER

Let's hope our victory over Leichhardt is the turning point of a revival. It was certainly a long time between drinks — our first win in 10 matches.

I feel another victory today against Blacktown City could see us on the road to recovery. The confidence of the Blacktown players will be sky high after the team's outstanding win against Marconi last weekend. Nobody really expected Blacktown to beat Marconi by a margin of four goals.

But I felt that representative commitments could catch up with Marconi players and it did. We still haven't forgotten our first defeat of the season against Blacktown and we want to make amends today.

Our team is really settling down now with the addition of John Russell, Peter Stone and Ernie Campbell — three very experienced players. Russell made his debut against Leichhardt and what a magnificent game he had!

I thought John was the man of the match. He played as sweeper and settled things down. Ernie Campbell scored the first goal and has a big hand in the match winner, scored by Dennis Duarte. Peter Stone's form just keeps improving.

While the plaudits are being distributed I must make mention of youngster David Skeen. He played his first game in the PSL last weekend and was not overawed by the big occasion.

David dealt with Leichhardt's Terry Butler and Phil O'Connor as if he was a veteran, He is a tenacious player and reminds me so much of Berti Vogts.

It's not easy to win at Lambert Park. I thought we looked very sound in defence. Without being devastating in attack, we did create chances. It was disappointing to see Dennis Duarte have a goal disallowed for offside.

But we were competitive and that was most pleasing. We must carry on to get away from the relegation zone. I am sure we can improve and those two points against Leichhardt is bound to give our players that confidence which was lacking.

Mind you, it's still a long road ahead and we've got to fight harder and harder. Hopefully, we have turned the corner.

For today's match against Blacktown I must pay a special tribute to our captain Doug Utjesenovic. Doug plays his 300th first grade game for the club and that is a wonderful achievement. He has been a great ambassador to St. George and Australian football.

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ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY CITY

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(Sunday, June 22)

Blacktown City	v Heidelberg	— Gabbie Stadium
Sydney City	v South Melbourne	— Marks Field
West Adelaide	v Brisbane Lions	— Hindmarsh Stadium
Leichhardt	v Newcastle	— Lambert Park
Brisbane City	v Marconi	— Perry Park
Canberra City	v St. George	— Bruce Stadium
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IT IS DOUG'S DAY — 300 GAMES

St. George's favorite son, Doug Utjesenovic, today reaches another milestone in his illustrious career.

When captain Doug leads Saints on to the field against Blocktown City he will be playing an incredible 300 first grade games for the club. Quite an achievment!

And to mark the occasion the St. George Club will make a special presentation to a man who has given magnificent service to the club and to Australian soccer.

Doug was best known for his role as a right back in his representative days for Australia. He played 76 internationals for Australia — 36 of those being full internationals.

And while he has played as a sweeper most of the season for Saints he'll be at right back this afternoon.

It has been far from a happy season for struggling St. George. Doug doesn't like to be a loser. He said: "You don't know how much I suffer when we lose a match."

Doug hates to see the club doing badly. He has had so many good times with St. George teams and how he wishes players like Schaefer, Abonyi, Warren and his brother-in-law George Harris were still playing for the club.

Doug joined St. George from Footscay JUST in January 1969 — and so he is in his 10th season with the Sydney club.

Since the Philips League started in 1977, St. George have not done well. "It is hard to accept," Doug said. The classy defender is now talking as though this could very well be his last season.

"Never have I trained so hard in my life as this season," he said. "The results make you shudder."

Doug felt that Saints would have a better season in the PSL in 1980 than in past years. "I feel lack of discipline on the field has contributed largely to our poor results," he said. "It is going to be terribly hard to get out of trouble — perhaps even harder than last year. The next four games will tell the story."

Doug feels they are games Saints just have to win. "Each win will be worth four points to us," he said.

But Blacktown will be far from a pushover. "We expected to beat them in the first game of the season and we lost," Doug said. "Now Blacktown are riding high because of team morale. That is something we could do with."

DOUG UTJESENOVIC

Doug was given little hope of playing football again after the world tour by the Socceroos in 1976. He was injured in the match against Sunderland and had his cartilage and cruciate ligament removed.

He was out of football for eight and a half months.

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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR PETER STONE

While Peter Stone hasn't given up hope of playing for Australia again, his immediate aim is to lift St. George out of troubled waters.

Former Socceroo Stone is one of Saints' latest recruits. Midfielder Stone joined the club last month — the same time as another former Socceroo, Ernie Campbell.

It was not so long ago that Stone was freely tipped to succeed Peter Wilson as Australia's captain. In 1977 World Cup team Stone was mainly a creative midfielder. But he hit a real form slump last year and would like to forget about the season he had with Apia. The problems continued this year so he asked to be put on the transfer list.

Why did he join St. George?

"A change of clubs never hurt anyone," he said. "It was like a breath of fresh air moving to St. George. The club has a very professional approach. It has a tremendous setup with an excellent ground and training facilities.

"I honestly can't see why the club is down the bottom. The signs are there for the club to get out of trouble. The lack of confidence is the biggest problem."

Stone played his first match against South Melbourne. Saints were outplayed and lost 3-0. "I had more of a balanced role in midfield in that game," Stone said.

In the next match against West Adelaide, Stone considers the side was a trifle unlucky to lose 1-0. "I was pushed forward to play more of an attacking role," he said. "I hope that will be my job in the future. "Stone felt that Saints looked far more confident in that match and it could be close to revival time.

As far as breaking back into the national squad, Stone said: "It's going to be very tough. There is still time to impress before our World Cup qualifying campaign starts" Everybody has a goal in football and at 25, Stone hasn't given up hope of wearing the green and gold colors again.

But he admits he will cetainly have to string together many consistent performances if Rudi Gutendorf is to recall him.

The Enfield Primary School teacher feels he is doing more running and has regained confidence in his tackling since he joined St. George.

How does Stone see the standard of the Philips League?

"I think it can be classed in two divisions. Heidelberg, Sydney City and Marconi are the outstanding sides," he said. "There is no real consistent pattern among the other teams, but there is no question that the standard is improving. It must be with a concentration of better players."

PETER STONE

BLACKTOWN CITY HAVE THE LAST LAUGH

Philips League "babes" Blacktown City have really made the critics eat their words.

The Demons have been the real surprise packet and who would have expected the PSL newcomers to be ahead of West Adelaide, Leichhardt, Brisbane City and St. George at the end of the first round.

Blacktown City coach Mick Jones maintained from the start that his team would finish in a respectable positon in their first year. The sceptics thought otherwise.

Blacktown couldn't have wished for a better start to the season. The Demons had England legend Bobby Charlton as a guest player for their first match and what a day it was for th new club at the Gabbie Stadum. Blacktown recorded a 4-2 win over St. George.

Well, St. George plan to settle a score this afternoon.

Following that win over Saints, Blacktown took on the PSL champions Marconi and received a 9-0 hammering. The big question was, could the Demons recover after such a humiliating defeat? They drew with Newcastle and then went five matches without obtaining a further point.

Coach Jones, a Yorkshireman, always felt that the midfield could be strengthened but he has to wait until the right type of player came on to the market. Not that Jones had a lot of money to splash around.

Marconi were prepared to release Stewart Selvage, a non stop defensive midfielder, and Jones snapped him up. Jones then worked a swap deal with Leichhardt. Brian O'Donnel joined the Demons and Dave Harding went to Leichhardt.

The addition of Selvage and O'Donnell gave the Demons a new lease of life. The pair made their debut against Brisbane City and the Demons won 3-1. The Demons then produced one of the big shocks, defeating Canberra 1-0 in the capital city and then they downed the fancied Footscray combination 3-0.

Youth international striker Ian Hunter struck away two goals in that game. Hunter is a player of great promise and will captain Australia in next year's World Youth tournament in Australia. He was judged the most outstanding player in the Australian Youth Championship in Canberra and won for himself a one month's trip to Milan in Italy.

Blacktowns defence, suspect in those early rounds, has settled down well and former St. George fullback George Harris, Warren Turnbull and Cliff Pointer have thoroughly tested oppositon forwards.

Pointer missed several games in the first round because of injury, but he has done a magnificent job in the central defence. Coach Jones rates him as one of the best centre backs in the league.

Harris, as tough as they come, will no doubt be anxious to show his former club that they should have retained him — at least for one more season.

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4 David SKEEN
5 Doug UTJESENOVIC (Capt.)
6 Rudi GNAVI
13 Mark BARTON
14 Billy GRIFFITHS
15 Dave McINTOSH
18 Dennis DUARTE
8 Peter STONE
Ernie CAMPBELL

Reserves:
12 Don SMITH
10 Peter KATHOLOS
11 Roy COTTON
19 Howard HADLEY

Coach:
Raul BLANCO

BLACKTOWN CITY

1 Bruce JAMES
2 George HARRIS
3 Warren TURNBULL
4 Stuart SELVAGE
5 Cliff POINTER (Capt.)
6 Ricci HORMAZABAL
7 Brian O'DONNELL
8 Carlos ORTEGA
9 Paul WILKINSON
10 James IZATT
12 Ian HUNTER
13 Steven POLLARD
14 Alan FISHER
15 Tony RASSMUSSEN
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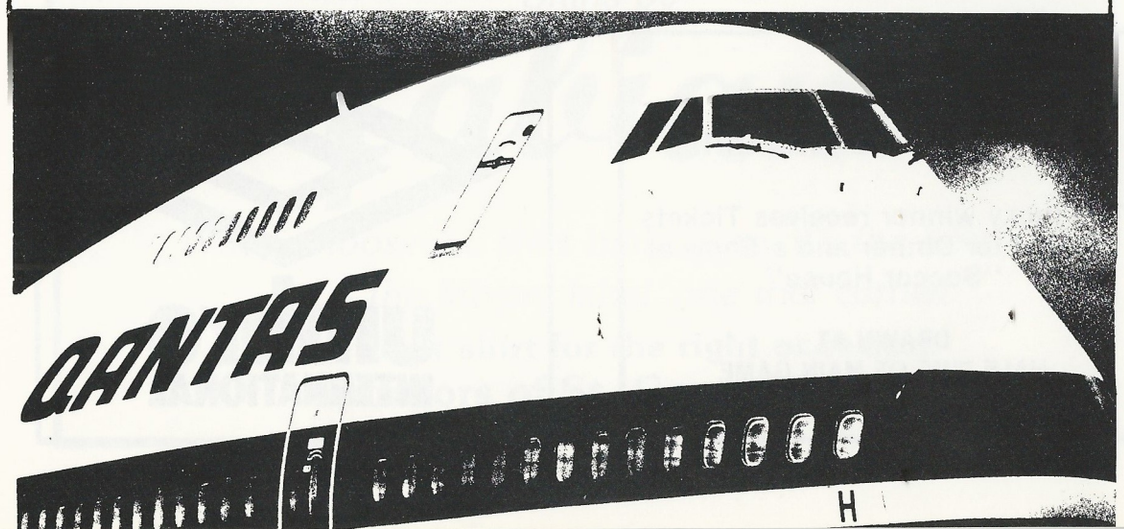

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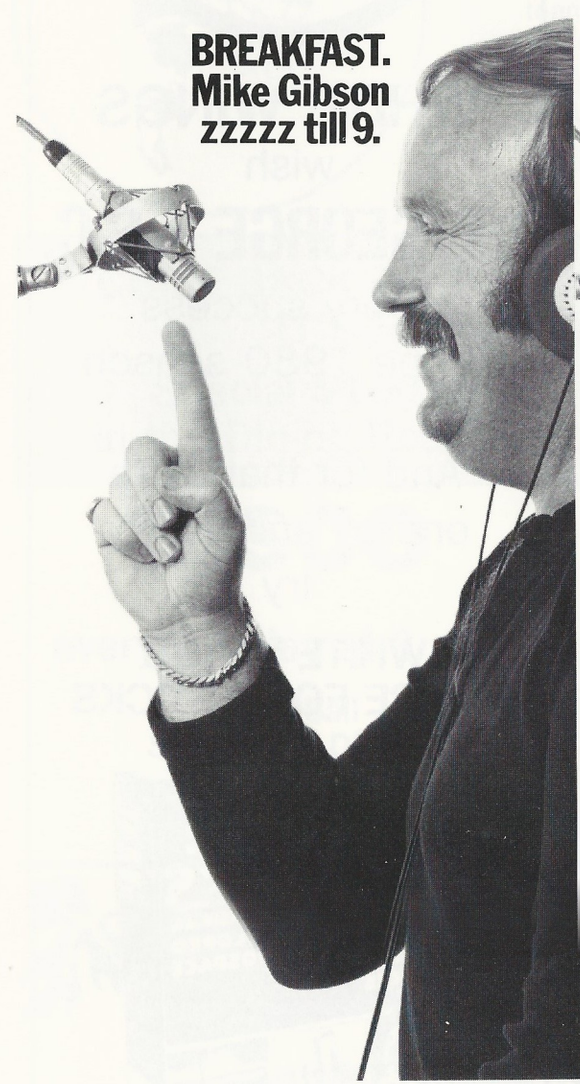

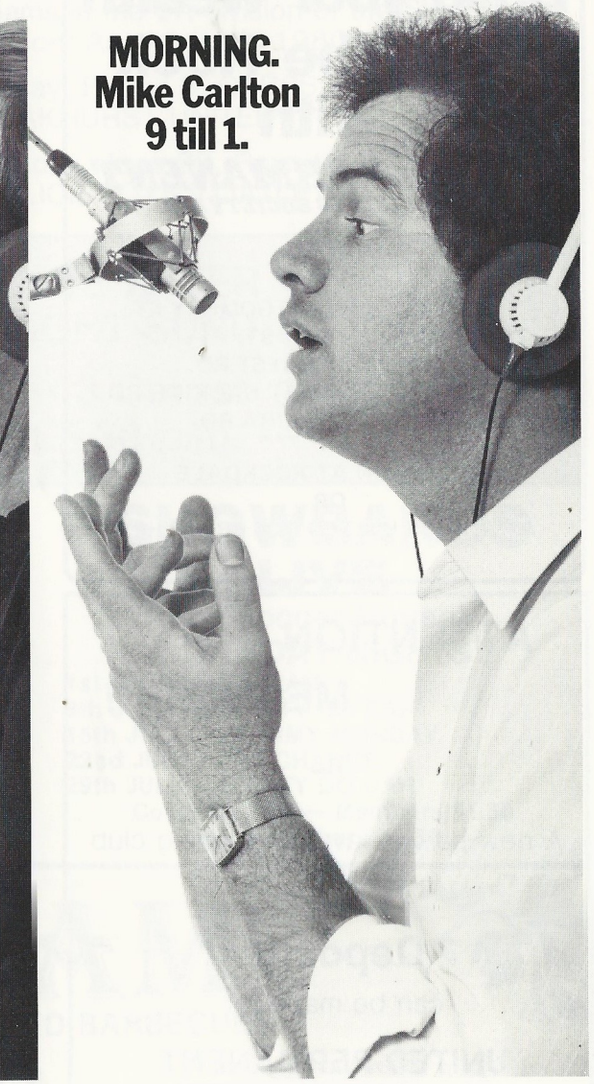

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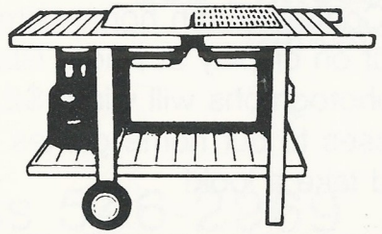

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